

State Retiree, Annuitant and Survivor Benefits Handbook Amendment

(Amendment III)

This document is an amendment to the State Retiree, Annuitant and Survivor Benefits Handbook released in October 2011. An amendment adds, modifies, deletes or otherwise changes a benefit listed in the Benefits Handbook. As changes occur, the online handbook will be modified to reflect the changes and will be included in an amendment document as they occur. Members who printed a copy of the online handbook should refer to the amendments to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.

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The following are amendments to the Benefits Handbook:

1. On page 10, language has been added to the 'Initial Enrollment' paragraphs to clarify spouses' eligibility.
NOTE: Spouses who are both eligible for coverage must be enrolled as a member in their own right unless they qualify for the Annuitant Waiver option (see the 'Opt Out and Waiver' section for qualifications).
2. On pages 49 and 50, language has been added to the 'Medicare Part B Reduction' paragraphs to clarify that out-of-network claims are paid at 20% of the total eligible billed amount.